

Harmful effects of soft drinks

1089. SHRI PENUMALLI MADHU: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Pollution Control Boards is monitoring the harmful effects of soft drinks;

(b) if so, what is the permissible level of cadmium lead and chromium in the soft drinks; and

(c) whether the board is having the facility to regulate the discharge of heavy metals in water?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA): (a) and (b) Since the fixing of permissible level of Cadmium, Lead and Chromium in the soft drinks is not under the purview of Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB), it is not monitoring these in the soft drinks.

(c) State Pollution Control Boards (SPCBs) in the States and Pollution Control Committees (PCCs) in Union Territories are empowered to regulate discharge of heavy metals from effluents from wastewater treatment plants into water bodies under the Water (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1974. All SPCBs/PCCs are also categorizing and ensuring proper disposal of the sludge from beverages and soft drinks units in accordance with the hazardous Wastes (Management and handling) Rules, 1989.

Zoological Museum at Gorewada

†1090. SHRI DATTAMEGHE: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are having a plan to set up a big zoological museum at Gorewada close to Nagpur in Maharashtra;

(b) if so, whether the necessary action for setting up the same has started; and

(c) by when the work for setting up the said zoological museum would be completed?

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA): (a) and (b) The Government of Maharashtra has intimated that action for preparation of Master Plan for the establishment of the Zoological Park/Biodiversity garden has been initiated. The State Government have further informed about the sanction for establishment of State Level Authority under the chairmanship of Principal Secretary (Forests) for management and monitoring of the said Park.

(c) It is not possible to indicate any time- frame for setting up of the said zoological Park.

Leakage of gas in Madhya Pradesh

1091. SHRI MOINUL HASSAN: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether attention of Government has been drawn to the leakage of gas at the villages in Raisen district of Madhya Pradesh affecting several hundreds people; and

(b) if so, what is the nature of gas, its source and the action taken by Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA): (a) and (b) According to the information made available by Madhya Pradesh Pollution Control Board, the Government of Madhya Pradesh had constituted a one member high power State Level Committee to enquire into the incidence of gas leakage on 14th October, 2006. The enquiry report of this Committee revealed the following:

- (i) Three villages namely Mendua, Nayapura and Kirat Nagar were affected. No loss of life was recorded.
- (ii) The grab sampling of ambient air did not confirm the presence of chlorine, ammonia, hydrogen chloride, nitrogen oxide, sulphur dioxide, hydrogen sulphide and hydrogen chloride.
- (iii) The Committee ruled out the possibility of any gas leakage from the storages of gases from any of the industry. The exact gas and the source could not be identified. The report suggested short term